

C. FOOD ASSISTANCE BENEFITS

Effective September 30, 2001

WAC 388-412-0015 General information about your food assistance allotments.

- (1) Your monthly food assistance benefit is called an allotment. An allotment is the total dollar value of benefits your eligible assistance unit (AU) gets for a calendar month.
- (2) You get the maximum allotment if your AU does not have any countable net income. See WAC 388-478-0060 for the maximum allotments.
- (3) If your AU has countable net income, your allotment is computed by:
 - (a) Multiplying your AU's countable net monthly income by thirty percent;
 - (b) Rounding this amount up to the next whole dollar; and
 - (c) Subtracting the results from the maximum allotment.
- (4) You get benefits from the date your AU is determined eligible through the end of the month except for AUs described in WAC 388-406-0055. This is called proration and is based on a thirty-day month.
- (5) You get benefits for both the month of application and the following month in one allotment if you are eligible for both months and you applied on or after the sixteenth of the month.
- (6) You do not get an allotment in the first month you are eligible if your allotment is less than ten dollars.
- (7) You get a minimum allotment of ten dollars each month if your AU has a total of one or two members unless:
 - (a) It is the first month of your certification period; and
 - (b) Your AU is eligible for only a partial month.

WORKER RESPONSIBILITIES**Prorating Benefits**

1. Use the DSHS 12-106(X), Food Stamp Allotment Proration Table to determine the amount of the allotment for the first month of eligibility; or
1. Subtract the date of application from 31 and divide the result by 30. Multiply the result by a full month benefit amount. Round **up** to the nearest dollar.

EXAMPLE

The date of application is the 20th of October. The assistance unit is eligible for \$200 for a full month.

- (a) $31 - 20 = 11$
- (b) $11 / 30 = .367$
- (c) $0.367 \times \$200 = \73.40
- (d) $\$73.40 = \73.00 (the prorated amount)